Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Ned Schumann, owner of OlympusNet, an ISP on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. We started business in 1993 and connected the local library, hospital and many local businesses and residences to the Internet. We offer free web accounts for organizations that support community services and offer a level of support for Internet access that the ILECs do not.

In order for us to compete in the DSL market it is essential that we have a level playing field with fair tarrifs. Most rural ISPs are small companies without a loud voice in Washington. We trust that you will consider local ISPs when making decisions affecting our connections to the public switched telephone network.

Sincerely,

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